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MINUTES OF GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 27 SEPTEMBER 1954.

25X1A9a PRESENT: [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] commented that the AD/RR announced at the ORR staff meeting this morning that present plans for the new bridge would eliminate the temporary buildings in this area, and that present Agency plans, if a move is required, call for a location in the Arlington or D.C. central area, relatively near the White House, Pentagon, and State Department.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] said that State Department plans for continuation of [REDACTED] position are still indefinite. Mr. Adkinson of L.C. discussed the subject with [REDACTED] and feels that [REDACTED] position should be continued. Several Government geographers have already indicated interest in the job. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] reported on a briefing last Friday by [REDACTED] director of the new National Indications Center (NIC). The NIC has been re-established to strengthen the function of watching for indications of enemy action. The staff will consist of about 20 people, possibly half of the number being analysts. It will be located in the Pentagon and will be supported by the five intelligence agencies of the U. S. Government. The NIC will act in support of the IAC Watch Committee in determination and anticipation of Soviet actions. Initial emphasis will be on refinement of indicators, with assistance from the Economic Area, ORR. [REDACTED] mentioned some indicators, such as, production of steel shell cases (which have a useable life of about six months), lumber orders that indicate conversion of railroad cars to troop transport, orders from Argentina for bay leaf (a necessary ingredient of Soviet canned pork rations), orders from Communist China for large numbers of life preservers. The list of indicators is being developed from earlier lists. [REDACTED] commented that all intelligence officers should become familiar with the indicators. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] reported that he has finished the staff study on photographic intelligence coordination.

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] commented on a valuable new book, "Map Interpretation," written by Mr. Dfury and printed in London.

25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED], the new deputy chief of the Economic Area, will begin a three-week orientation period on 29 September, which will involve visits to the divisions of the Geographic Area. It was decided that one full day in the Geographic Area will be sufficient. A schedule will be determined later. 25X1A9a

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- 25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] commented that career service staff invitations to ORR overseas personnel are being handled by DD/P, with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a the ORR coordinator. Inquiries about specific individuals should be directed to [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] reported that USIA has established a new division to handle publication procurement and processing. [REDACTED] commented 25X1A9a
that he has read the 1953 report on USIA and its relation to the intelligence community. The DCI has committed CIA to support USIA. Geographic Area representatives should meet with Mr. Locais, chief of the new intelligence component of USIA, and discuss possible Geographic Area assistance to USIA.
- 25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] mentioned that the Department of State Library (LR) intends to establish a collection consisting of two copies each of all items listed in external research listings. At the present time it is impossible to get hold of most of the items mentioned in the ERS lists.
- 25X1A9a 10. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] of the 25X1A9a
Foreign Branch, CIA Library, are making a trip to the Far East to work on publication procurement problems. They will leave on 19 October and spend four weeks in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Vietnam.
- 25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] reported that the Air Force has asked D/GG to review Air University studies.
- 25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] brought up the problem of compensatory time.
25X1A9a [REDACTED] said that compensatory time has not been approved in the Geographic Area, except in exceptional cases.
- 25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] said that he is rewriting a clerk-steno slot as a clerk-typist slot.
- 25X1A9a 14. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] is back from his trip 25X1A9a
to the Near East and [REDACTED] will be back from his trip next week. 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a 15. [REDACTED] reported that he has been notified of provisional 25X1A9a
clearance for one of his new people, [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a 16. [REDACTED] reported that Mr. Pope in the State Department called
25X1A6a him and said that [REDACTED] has been 25X1A9a
approved for the [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a 17. [REDACTED] commented on an CM sent to the [REDACTED] from the 25X1A6a
25X1A6a [REDACTED] requesting information from [REDACTED] on certain 25X1A9a
25X1A9a areas in Ethiopia. [REDACTED] suggested that, since [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] analysts in D/GG will help provide the requested information.
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25X1A9a * 18. [REDACTED] commented that the BGN budget problem will probably come to a showdown in the near future. The Department of Interior apparently will either budget for the Division of Geography during the next fiscal year, or else the Division might be abolished. Interior will submit a budget estimate for the Division and see what happens to it. [REDACTED] also mentioned that BGN's plans for a trip to London have been abandoned.

25X1A9a * 19. [REDACTED] commented on the Burma photography situation. The Army is acquiring prints of magnetometer surveys. For the rest of the photography, Col. Masters of the Army will write an offer of U. S. mapping assistance to the Government of Burma, as a basis for a confidential exchange agreement. This offer to the Government of Burma must be approved first by the State Department and Air Force. [REDACTED] of D/GH will be involved in the Army acquisition of negatives of magnetometer surveys and will be briefed by [REDACTED] of OO/C.

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